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By Jack Fitzpatrick

Today's Washington Brief

- Forrest Lucas, co-founder of oil products company Lucas Oil, is considered a leading contender to serve as Interior secretary if Donald Trump wins the presidential election, according to two sources. (Politico)
- Trump and adviser and oil baron Harold Hamm will travel to Pennsylvania this week to rally the oil and gas industry in the heart of Marcellus Shale country. Trump will speak at an industry conference in Pittsburgh on Thursday before almost 2,000 attendees. (E&E Daily)
- Two groups opposing the Dakota Access pipeline called on Sen. John Barrasso (R-Wyo.) last week to hold a hearing on Native American opposition to the pipeline, but said on Monday that they were rejected by the staunch pipeline supporter. (Morning Consult)

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Today's Business Brief

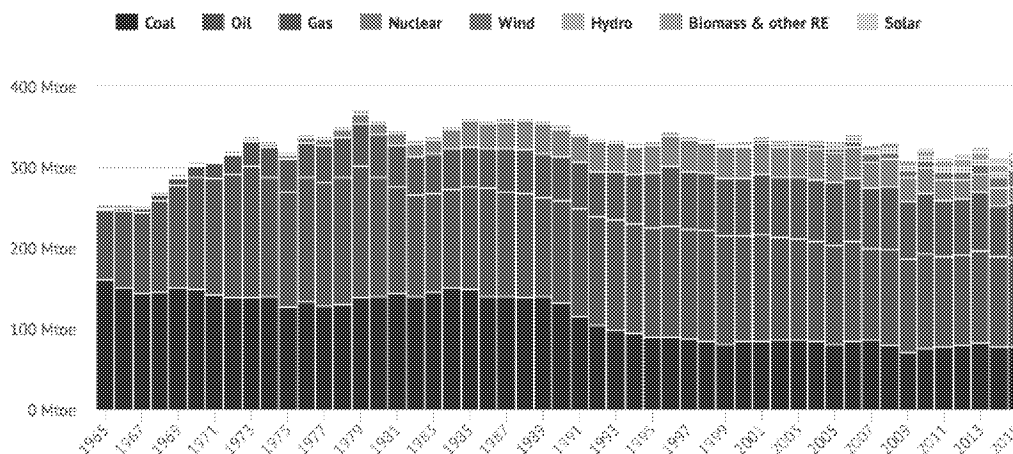
- Gasoline prices have surged across the Southeast, as the partial closure of the Colonial Pipeline has left some gas stations scrambling for fuel and many drivers stuck in lines to fill their tanks. (The Wall Street Journal)
- Tesla's acquisition of SolarCity may be delayed by four shareholder lawsuits, creating added urgency as both companies use up cash. The lawsuits all allege that Tesla's executives and board breached their fiduciary duty by entering into the pact because Chairman Elon Musk and other Tesla insiders hold shares in both companies. (Bloomberg News)
- Oil prices edged lower on Tuesday ahead of an expected build in U.S. crude oil stocks and on Venezuelan comments that the oil market remains oversupplied by 10 percent. International benchmark Brent crude oil futures were trading at \$45.58 per barrel at 4:22 a.m. ET, down 37 cents day on day. West Texas Intermediate crude futures were down 33 cents at \$42.97 a barrel. (Reuters)

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Today's Chart Review

How Germany Generates Its Electricity
Carbon Brief

German energy use by source



Mark Your Calendars (All Times Eastern)

Tuesday

No events scheduled

Wednesday

Senate Agriculture Committee holds a hearing on the Agriculture Department and the farm economy **10 a.m.**

House Science subcommittees hold a hearing on DOE misconduct and intimidation **10 a.m.**

House Natural Resources Committee holds a hearing on CEQ's guidance for GHG emissions and climate change effects **10 a.m.**

House Transportation Committee holds a hearing on FEMA's role in local land use development decisions **10 a.m.**

AGA holds an investor relations workshop **11:45 a.m.**

Atlantic Council will hold briefing on nuclear energy	12:30 p.m.
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House Oversight Committee holds a hearing on misconduct and mismanagement at the National Park Service	1 p.m.
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House Natural Resources subcommittee holds a hearing on government management of wolves	2 p.m.
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House Natural Resources Committee will hold a markup	5 p.m.
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Thursday

Alliance to Save Energy holds green energy forum	8:30 a.m.
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Young Conservatives for Energy Reform	9 a.m.
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Wilson Center will hold energy forum	9 a.m.
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Senate Energy Committee holds a hearing on 21 bills	9:30 a.m.
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House Energy and Commerce subcommittee holds a hearing on GHG emissions standards for motor vehicles	10 a.m.
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House Natural Resources Committee will hold a markup	10 a.m.
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WCEE holds luncheon on energy efficiency	12 p.m.
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Friday

Bloomberg BNA and Nuclear Matters holds a breakfast on nuclear power	8 a.m.
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Administration Strikes a Blow to Future American Infrastructure Projects

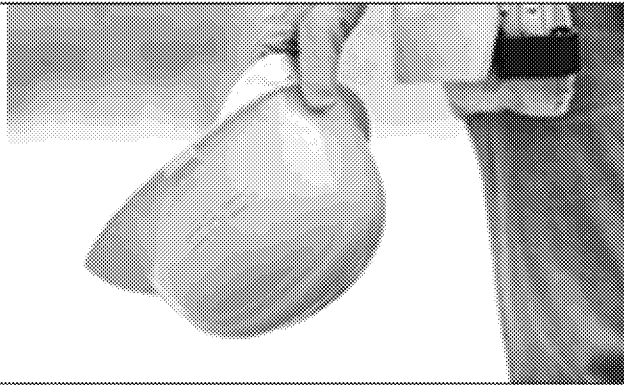
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Sources: Oil Executive on Trump's Short List for Interior Secretary **Helena Bottemiller Evich and Andrew Restuccia, Politico**

Forrest Lucas, co-founder of oil products company Lucas Oil and an outspoken opponent of animal rights, is a leading contender for Interior secretary should Donald Trump win the White House, say two sources familiar with the campaign's deliberations.

Trump to Talk Fracking, Energy Specifics This Week - Adviser **Hannah Northey, E&E Daily**

Donald Trump is scheduled to speak at an industry conference in Pittsburgh on Thursday before almost 2,000 attendees, where insiders say he's likely to delve deeper into his energy strategy, which has been heavy on oil and gas while steering clear of renewable energy and climate change.

Millennials Driving Surge in Electric Car Sales **John Siciliano, Washington Examiner**

Millennials appear to be key to President Obama's goal of putting more electric cars on the road to reduce carbon pollution and dependence on fossil fuels, according to new polling data released Monday. The Consumer Federation of America issued the polling results amid a surge in electric car sales that began in July, after a year-long drag in sales numbers blamed on low gasoline prices and a resurgence in purchases of gas-guzzling sport utility vehicles and trucks.

Smith Praises Paper on Glyphosate, Still Unhappy With EPA **Jack Fitzpatrick, Morning Consult**

House Science Committee Chairman Lamar Smith (R-Texas) praised the Environmental Protection Agency's paper released last week that said the commonly used herbicide glyphosate is probably not carcinogenic. But he lamented the fact that the review process is not already over.

Bonds Jump, Dollar Pares Decline as Clock Ticks Toward BOJ, Fed James Regan and Lukanyo Mnyanda, Bloomberg News

The dollar slipped and bonds rallied as the countdown to crucial policy decisions by the Bank of Japan and the Federal Reserve entered its final stretch.

Oil & Natural Gas

OPEC May Decide on Extra Meeting Immediately After Algiers: Algeria Hamid Ould Ahmed, Reuters

OPEC members could decide to hold an extraordinary meeting to discuss oil prices immediately after an informal gathering in Algiers next week, Algerian Energy Minister Nouredine Bouterfa said on Tuesday.

Dakota Access Opponents Unsuccessfully Call for Congressional Hearing Jack Fitzpatrick, Morning Consult

Two groups opposing the Dakota Access pipeline called on Sen. John Barrasso (R-Wyo.) last week to hold a hearing on Native American opposition to the pipeline, but said on Monday that they were rejected by the staunch pipeline supporter. Barrasso, who chairs the Senate Indian Affairs Committee and the Senate Energy and Natural Resources subcommittee on public lands, has criticized the Obama administration's opposition to the Dakota Access and the Keystone XL pipelines.

Utilities & Infrastructure

U.S. Pump Prices Rise as Colonial Fixes Gasoline Pipeline Leak Devika Krishna Kumar, Reuters

Gasoline prices in the southeastern United States kept rising on Monday as Colonial Pipeline Co. continued to fix a more-than-week long disruption on a key gasoline line that has led to complaints of long waits and price gouging at the pump.

Energy Future Clears Big Hurdle With Approval of Oncor Sale **Steven Church, Bloomberg News**

Energy Future Holdings Corp. won court approval to sell its Oncor electricity distribution business to NextEra Energy Inc., bringing the biggest U.S. power bankruptcy one step closer to a conclusion more than two years after it began. NextEra agreed to increase its offer by \$300 million in cash and make other changes to help satisfy Energy Future creditors including Fidelity Management & Research Co. All told, unsecured creditors will get \$450 million more, Energy Future lawyer Chad Husnick told U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Christopher Sontchi at a hearing Monday in Delaware.

Duke Energy Offers Solar Panels for Schools in Lawsuit Deal **The Associated Press**

Duke Energy is looking for 10 North Carolina schools that want rooftop solar power panels they can use to teach about renewable energy. The country's largest electric company said Tuesday it will spend \$300,000 to install the solar panels, provide monitoring equipment, and give training and curriculum to students and teachers. The spending is part of a settlement with the Obama administration ending a 15-year-old lawsuit over claims that the utility violated federal clean air laws.

Renewables

JetBlue to Burn Renewable Biofuel Mix on Some New York Flights **Mary Schlangenstien, Bloomberg News**

JetBlue Airways Corp. will burn a mixture of biofuel and traditional jet kerosene on some flights at New York City-area airports under a 10-year purchase agreement designed to cut aircraft pollution and costs. The airline will purchase more than 33 million gallons of blended fuel annually under the contract with S.G. Preston Co., a bioenergy company based in Philadelphia, JetBlue said in a statement Monday. It is the longest and among the largest of such agreements in the U.S. aviation industry, the New York-based carrier said.

Tesla-SolarCity Deal May Face Delay From Suits as Cash Burns **David Welch, Bloomberg News**

Tesla Motors Inc. faces a potential delay in its acquisition of SolarCity Corp. from four shareholder lawsuits, creating added urgency as both companies use up cash. The suits by four different shareholders, outlined in a regulatory filing Monday, all allege that Tesla's executives and board breached their fiduciary duty by entering into the pact because Chairman Elon Musk and other Tesla insiders hold shares in both companies.

SunEdison's TerraForm Power and TerraForm Global Explore Sale **Austen Hufford, The Wall Street Journal**

TerraForm Global Inc. and TerraForm Power Inc. said Monday they are considering selling themselves, as the sister companies face trouble due to the bankruptcy of parent company SunEdison Inc.

Wind Energy Group Launches Kansas Ad Campaign **Jack Fitzpatrick, Morning Consult**

American Wind Action, a nonprofit group that backs wind power, launched a six-figure ad campaign Monday promoting the energy source in Kansas. The ad campaign includes TV ads running on broadcast and cable, along with radio and digital ads.

Coal

700 Years of N.D. Coal vs. a Climate Rule **Emily Holden, ClimateWire**

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association claims that the federal government pushed co-ops to use coal years ago when the local power companies were still growing. Co-ops are not for profit and don't have investors, and NRECA says that means the costs of shifting electricity sources will fall on consumers. Many of them are poor. The trade group also has a technical concern. It worries the transition to other fuels may come too fast, causing problems for the grid.

Nuclear

Can Reusing Spent Nuclear Fuel Solve Our Energy Problems?

Gary Strauss, National Geographic

Nuclear engineer Leslie Dewan believes that a safe, environmentally friendly, next-generation nuclear reactor isn't just feasible-it's commercially viable. As cofounder and CEO of Boston-based startup Transatomic Power, Dewan and fellow Massachusetts Institute of Technology grad Mark Massie are working on commercial-scale development of a molten salt reactor first prototyped in the 1960s at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

Climate

Arctic Ice Shrinks to Second Lowest Level on Record

The Associated Press

Arctic sea ice this summer shrank to its second-lowest level since scientists began satellite monitoring, another ominous signal of global warming. The sea ice reached its summer low point on Saturday, extending 1.6 million square miles - just behind the mark set in 2012, 1.31 million square miles.

Brown Signs into Law Strict Limits on Super Pollutants

Melody Gutierrez and Kurtis Alexander, San Francisco Chronicle

By targeting so-called super pollutants, California set an ambitious new course Monday in its fight against climate change that will have far-reaching impacts on some of the state's bedrock industries, from freight shipping to dairy farming. Gov. Jerry Brown (D) signed into law what he called the nation's strictest plan to cut emissions of methane, black carbon and other short-lived pollutants that can trap far more heat than carbon dioxide.

Watch This Law Professor Try to Convince a Physicist That Greenland's Melt Won't Raise Seas

Chris Mooney, The Washington Post

A law professor testifying at a House Science Committee hearing last week appears to have misinterpreted a study on sea-level rise when arguing against the state attorneys general who are conducting an investigation of ExxonMobil in relation to climate change.

A Message from the National Association of Manufacturers:

The Army Corps of Engineers held 389 meetings with 55 Native American tribes about the Dakota Access Pipeline including 9 with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. The route follows the same narrow corridor of two existing energy infrastructure projects and surveys conducted by the tribe, government, and others found no sacred item, ancestral artifact or burial grounds.

The project has been already been approved by four states and the federal government.

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Opinions, Editorials & Perspectives

Why Seniors Need to Stand Up to Activists on Energy Development Jim Martin, Morning Consult

American retirees spend a considerable portion of their savings on heating their houses and running their cars, all the while, susceptible to swift changes in the energy market which are out of their control. The advent of fracking has started an era of American energy independence, one that will help consumers at home and create jobs. But there's one hurdle: safe infrastructure to move that energy to market.

Energy Bill Can Boost American Innovation Rich Powell and Christopher Guith, The Hill

House and Senate energy leadership have nearly succeeded in the seemingly impossible: crafting substantive, bipartisan legislation that would update our nation's energy policies for the first time in a decade - and that just might start to mend public faith in a stymied Congress.

What Ails the Mining Industry Can't Just Be Cured with Taxpayer Dollars Sen. Mike Enzi (R-Wyo.), The Hill

Some politicians and union members are trying to take advantage of the situation to pass legislation that includes a bailout of the United Mine Workers of America's (UMWA) underfunded pension plan. While it might appear that moving taxpayer dollars into the pension plan with the Miners Protection Act of 2015 would be a worthy cause, in reality it would be a dangerous treatment that wouldn't cure the disease.

A Message from the National Association of Manufacturers:

The Dakota Access Pipeline is nearly 60 percent complete and the builders have invested \$1.6 billion already.

If this portion of the project is forced to stop, it will have a chilling effect on all infrastructure development, weaken our economy, and cost thousands of Americans their jobs.

<http://standingrockfactchecker.org/>

Research Reports, Issue Briefs & Case Studies

Prolonged California Aridity Linked to Climate Warming and Pacific Sea Surface Temperature

Glen M. MacDonald et al., Scientific Reports

California has experienced a dry 21st century capped by severe drought from 2012 through 2015 prompting questions about hydroclimatic sensitivity to anthropogenic climate change and implications for the future.. Data provide evidence of a persistent relationship between past climate warming, Pacific sea surface temperature shifts and centennial to millennial episodes of California aridity.



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